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- 1. MAY 2 OFFICIAL GAZETTE CARRIES TEXT OF APRIL 30 MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT VELASCO TO NGUYEN UHUU PHA, PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF VIETNAM. MESSAGE STATES THAT "IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF PERU, I AM PLEASED TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE HISTORIC AND VICTORIOUS OUTCOME OF THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE SUSTAINED BY THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE."
- 2. COMMENTING ON VELASCO TELEGRAM, MAY 2 GOVERNMENT-OWNED CRONICA STATES THAT PERU'S LEADERS WOULD NEVER HAVE SENT SUCH A MESSAGE SEVEN YEARS AGO. CRONICA DECLARES, "TODAY PERU'S VOICE IS NO LONGER A WEAK ECHO OF THE EMPIRE'S OPINION. TODAY OUR VOICE IS THE VOICE OF A THIRD WORLD FULLY CONSCIOUS THAT ITS DESTINY LIES IN INDEPENDENCE FROM ALL SUPER POWERS. A THIRD WORLD THAT KNOWS WHICH IS ITS GREATEST ENEMY: IMPERIALISM." END UNCLASSIFIED/BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
- 3. COMMENT: PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND THE PRESS HAVE BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLAYING UP EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS A THIRD WORLD (I.E., IN-

CLUDING PERU'S) VICTORY OVER IMPERIALISM. THIS FITS IN NICELY WITH PERU'S PLANS TO HOST THE NEXT NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN AUGUST.

4. PERU'S ANTI-IMPERIALIST RHETORIC HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE HERE. WHILE OTHER, MORE RECENT EXAMPLES COULD BE CITED, FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS RHETORIC. ON MARCH 30, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH WRITER AND THEORETICIAN CARLOS DELGADO STATED THAT THE PRINCIPAL ENEMY OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION IS NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. ON APRIL 2, ENERGY AND MINES MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO, ACCORDING TO EXPRESO, CITED THE VICTORY OF THE HEROIC PEOPLES OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA OVER THE BIGGEST IMPERIALIST POWER ON THE PLANET AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT A PEOPLE DISPOSED TO FIGHT FOR A REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE CAN ACHIEVE. HE ALSO ACCUSED IMPERIALISM OF "USING ALL ITS ARMS IN COMPLICITY WITH THE INTERNAL REACTION TO FINISH WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, TO DESTABILIZE IT AS IT DID IN OTHER LATITUDES." (DELGADO'S AND FERNANDEZ' COMMENTS WERE REPORTED IN LIMA 2683).

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